ment) Bill, 1983 seeking to amend articles 82 and 170(3) of the Constitution to facilitate fresh delimitation. The Bill was not however proceeded with in view of the representations received and, the position that it would not have been possible to complete fresh delimitation well in time for the general elections to Eighth Lok Sabha.

(c) The question of fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of latest census data continues to be under the consideration of the Government. This forms a part of the set of proposals relating to electoral reforms and final decision would be taken after consulting political parties, etc.

Revision of rates of Royalty of Natural gas

*351. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July, 1986 and state:

(a) by when all the existing contracts relating to supply of gas to various industries will expire;

(b) whether Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao Commission suggested any norms for the revision of rates and royalty after, April, 1971; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the Commission did not suggest any such norms, whether Government have evolved any, if so, what are the details thereof and if not, whether it is felt necessary to fix some rational norms for the purpose of revision of rates and royalty on natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Existing contracts of ONGC will expire on different dates; the last one would expire on 31.3.1991.

(b) and (c) Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao Commission did not go into the question of royalty. As regards rates of natural gas, it had only suggested that a new price should be fixed for the next five year period beginning with April 1971 after undertaking a thorough review of the actual position regarding output, outlay, and demand during the period covered by the award. The question of fixing up of prices of natural gas for various consumers is under the consideration of the Government.

Performance targets for Public Sector Industrial Units

*352. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any performance targets, for 1985-86 and 1986-87 separately, for those Public Sector Industrial Units which are incurring losses; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) The details of performance targets for 1985-86 and 1986-87 in respect of Public Enterprises incurring losses under the Ministry of Industry are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 111]

Increase in Coal price

*353. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the price of coal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what will be its impact on the common man?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arises.

Supply of LPG through pipeline

*354. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to supply LPG to consumers through pipeline; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign collaborations signed by Indian industrialists for non-essential sector

*355. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the monthly magazine 'NEWSMAG' dated 28th February, 1986, a number of foreign collaborations have been signed by Indian industrialists in non-essential sectors like cigarettes, coffee, blades, etc. to the detriment of the domestic industry which are causing a drain on India's foreign exchange reserves;

(b) whether most of these collaborations have been sought and approved under cover of high technology; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to stop this drain on the foreign exchange reserves of the country by the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c) Government's policy regarding import of technology is selective. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacturing, or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet effectively changing consumer preferences and/or become competitive in the export market.

Appointment of Chairmen of Public Sector Undertakings

*356. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public sector undertakings under his Ministry have been functioning without Chairmen and some without Boards of Directors.

(b) what is the reason for the delay in appointing the Chairmen of those Public Sector Undertakings; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Some Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have been functioning for short periods without regular Chairmen and Managing Director/Chief Executive. There are no PSUs without a Board of Directors.